Joining to Territorial Army by Railwaymen

1822. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railwaymen are to join territorial army and as such they are to attend annual camp and sometime embodiment call;

(b) if so, what benefit the Railways derive from out of it;

(c) what amount of money is spent per annum for this organisation from Railway budget; and

(d) whether Government are considering a proposal to discontinue it with a view to stop this drainage of money?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) One of the conditions in the offer of appointment made to Railway employees is that they shall be, if so required, liable for Military Service in Railway Engineer Units to Territorial Army. However, recruitment to Territorial Army is done mainly on a voluntary basis. Railway employees who join Territorial Army are required to attend annual camps and may be embodied when required.

(b) Railways use Territorial Army units to maintain essential services in the event of disturbances and distruptions as one of the roles of Territorial Army is to support civil power, if required.

(c) During 1988-89, Railways spent approximately Rs. 2.81 crores on the Railway Territorial Army.

(d) No, Sir.

Number of Jhuggis Jhounpris in Delhi

1823. DR. ABRAR AHMED KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the total number of Jhuggis Jhounpris in Delhi as on the 30th November, 1989 alongwith the reasons for their increase and whether there is any jhuggi Mafia behind it?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): No survey of the Jhuggis in Delhi had been done before the 30th November, 1989 However, the number of Jhuggis spread all over the city was estimated to be around 2.4 lakhs. During the survey done by the Delhi Administration for the purpose of issuing ration cards to the Jhuggi dwellers, the total number of Jhuggis was found to be 2.27 lakhs. There has been no unusual increase in the number of Jhuggis and prompt action is taken to remove fresh Jhuggis whenever and where ever they appear. Government are not aware of the existence of any Jhuggi mafiia.

Defluorination of water in Villages of Andhra Pradesh

1824. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of problem villages defluorinated in Andhra Pradesh under the National Drinking Water Mission during the year 1989-90 and also those likely to be defluorinated during the year 1990-91; and

(b) the villages so proposed to be deflourinated?

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